

BOTH SIDES OF SUFFRAGE TOLD TO DEMOCRATS

Woman Suffragists and Antis Are Given Hour to Debate Question of Votes for Women Before Democratic National Committee

NO ACTION BUT
MUCH APPREHENSION

Speaker Champ Clark Offered Place of Honor on Platform, But Remains in Front Row on Floor and Listens Attentively.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Women suffragists and anti-suffragists in stirring speeches debated the question of votes for women for an hour today before the nation's first democratic committee, which held a public session in a hotel ballroom to hear the women. The place was packed to the doors. Six suffrage leaders told the com-

matteemen that the women of the party were looking to the democratic party to champion a federal suffrage amendment, either in the present congress or in the platform of the next democratic national convention. Two leaders of the National Society opposed to suffrage argued that the party had already declared that suffrage is wholly a state question and that, moreover, a majority of American women did not want to be con-

The committee took no action, but the members appeared to enjoy the debate thoroughly and applauded each speaker liberally.

The hearing was arranged because the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, in convention here this week, wanted to tell the committee that suffrage had become a national issue. When the Union's request went in the National American Woman Suffrage association asked to be heard and then the National Society Opposed to Woman Suffrage sent word to the committee that they could not allow the claims of the suffragists to go un-

Speaker Champ Clark was seated in the front row of the committee when the first suffrage delegation went to the platform. A committeeman proposed that he be escorted to a place of honor on the platform. "Not on your life!" said Mr. Clark, and he remained on the floor.

Mrs. Florence Kelly of New York, president of the National Consumers League, began the debate, speaking briefly of the desire of thousands of American women for the vote. She then introduced Mrs. Lily C. Welstone, a member of the Utah legislature, who declared that no man in Utah desired the franchise to women recalled.

cisco and Mrs. Sara Bard Field of Portland, Ore., the two women who brought across the continent in an automobile the petition from the women voters of the west asking a federal

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international affairs, and now presents a prospect of reorganization and reconstruction such as statesmen and peoples have never been called upon to attempt before."

The United States has remained neutral, he said, because it had no interest in the causes and because it was the duty of the nations

The president pointed to the attitude of the United States toward Mexico as proving that this country has no selfish motives in its interest in countries in Central and South America. There was a time

he said, when the United States looked upon itself as a sort of guardian of the world.

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His sentence was affirmed by the district court of appeals, third district, November 12, 1908. He was pardoned June 29, 1910. Disbarment proceedings were instituted by the Kern County Bar Association, August 6, last.

The decision today held that as far as the court knew, Simmons had been a law-abiding citizen, since he

pardoned no judgment could be rendered against him, because the crime for which he was convicted had been completely obliterated by the action of former Governor James Gillet

who granted the pardon.
